

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Letters Patent of:
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For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS
RELATING TO OSTEOARTHRITIS

**REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.322**

Attention: Certificate of Correction Branch
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Upon reviewing the above-identified patent, Patentee noted typographical errors which should be corrected.

In the Claims:

1. The recitation of the claim dependency in Claim 9 is incorrect.

Claim 9, line 1, incorrectly recites: "The method of claim 7,".

The correct recitation of Claim 9, line 1, is: "The method of claim 8,".

2. The recitation of the claim dependency in Claim 10 is incorrect.

Claim 10, line 1, incorrectly recites: "The method of claim 7,".

The correct recitation of Claim 10, line 1, is: "The method of claim 8,".

3. The recitation of the word 'samples' in line 22 of claim 1 (i.e. line 1 of column 57) is incorrect because "samples" should not be plural.

Claim 1, line 22, incorrectly recites "samples of said human test individual relative to said".

The correct recitation of Claim 1, line 22, is "sample of said human test individual relative to said".

The errors were not in the application as filed by applicant; accordingly no fee is required.

Specifically, the claim dependency of each of issued claims 9 and 10 was incorrectly designated post allowance by the USPTO to depend from claim 7, instead of from claim 8.

Claims 101 and 102 (subsequently renumbered as claims 9 and 10) are among the allowed claims indicated in item number 2 of the Notice of Allowability mailed by the USPTO on April 29, 2008, and in item 3 of the Examiner's Amendment mailed with the Notice of Allowability. As of the Notice of Allowability, Claims 101 and 102 each depended from independent claim 100 (subsequently renumbered as claim 8). Neither claim 101 nor claim 102 has been amended since Applicant first filed them on November 2, 2007.

Thus, Claims 101 and 102 (subsequently renumbered as claims 9 and 10) properly depend from independent claim 100 (subsequently renumbered as claim 8).

Claims 101 and 102 (subsequently renumbered as claims 9 and 10) **do not** depend from dependent claim 99 (subsequently renumbered as claim 7), as improperly published in the issued patent.

Further the recitation of the plural form of the word "samples" in line 22 of claim 1 was incorrectly recited post-allowance by the USPTO. The singular form

“sample” is the correct recitation, as designated in the Examiner’s Amendment mailed with the Notice of Allowance on April 29, 2008.

Transmitted herewith is a proposed Certificate of Correction which designates claim 8 as the correct claim from which claims 9 and 10 depend, and which recites the singular form of the word ‘sample’ in claim 1, line 22 (column 57, line 1). Patentee respectfully solicits the granting of the requested Certificate of Correction.

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